

Summary of Evaluation Types and Tools

There are two types of evaluation:

Formative: This type of evaluation will help you to obtain feedback about your project while they are in development. Formative evaluation allows you to continually fine tune your project and can increase the potential success of the project.

Summative: This type of evaluation measures the impact of programs after implementation of the program over a period of time. Summative evaluation can help you to identify best practices that could be used in the development of techniques, curricular and scientific models, and methodology on future projects. This type of evaluation typically combines assessment and research methodology.

Evaluation tools typically should complement the types of framework that will be used - it could be quantitative, qualitative, or a mixture of both. Evaluation tools could be:

- Interviews
- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Observations

Realizing that there could be many more ways to evaluate something.